

LOCAL MENTION.

All communications should be addressed to the VIRGINIA CITIZEN, Irvington, Va.

Feed the birds.

L. T. Rock, Jr., is in Baltimore today.

Don't fail to see the drama next Friday evening.

Remember—no game is allowed to be killed when snow is on the ground.

H. O. Rock, B. Lee Simmons and F. W. Gunby were in Baltimore last week.

Give some friend a year's subscription to the VIRGINIA CITIZEN as a Xmas present.

Among the sick are: Little Mason Heath and Lewis Burke's little son, Miss Julia Luckham.

Miss Grace Long, of Poplar Neck, visited her sister, Mrs. Ernest Longworth the past week.

Mrs. Lizzie Fletcher and little son, of Hampton, are on a visit here to the lady's sister, Mrs. B. L. Willing.

Capt. J. F. Bellows was here last week en route to Norfolk, where he is having work done on steamers of his plant.

We remind you again to buy your Christmas presents now before the choicest articles are sold.

Irvington Haberdashery Co., E. M. EDWARDS, Manager.

O. W. Menk, of the U. S. Engineer's office, Washington, was in this section the past week getting data to submit to the department of needed harbor improvements on the Rappahannock, Potomac and Piankank rivers.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Wilder, Mrs. Geo. C. Kirkmyer, Mrs. L. H. Rilee, Mrs. E. W. Meekins, Misses Pearl Rilee, Ruby Smith, Nannie Oliver, Fannie and Annie Lee and Agnes and Annie James, and Geo. Oliver, Eugene Rilee, Richard Rilee, Geo. W. Sanders and Bud Broadbent, were in Norfolk Saturday. Mrs. Wilder will remain in that city until after Xmas.

At Bonner Bros. Kilmarnock, will be found the largest and best assorted stock of Xmas novelties, toys, etc., in the county. Their 10 cent counter is a thing of beauty. Santa Claus will be at their store Saturday afternoon, December 24th. Call to see him.

Several interesting communications and a big lot of other news, all prepared and some in type, have been crowded out this week to make room for the Santa Claus letters from the little ones. We would thank our correspondents to send in their letters as early as possible next week so there may not be anything carried over. The week following we will omit publication in order to give the force a little holiday.

The next stated communication of Lancaster Union Lodge No. 88 A. F. & A. M. will be held in the Temple at Kilmarnock, December 22nd, 1910, at 11 a. m., it being the last stated communication for the year. There are some matters of importance to the craft as well as the election of officers on that day. Therefore a full attendance of the members is earnestly requested.

J. W. HAYDON, W. M.

Just received from the manufacturer two cases of ladies sample shoes, made to sell for \$4.00 and \$5.00, which we will close out at \$3.00. These are nobby and up-to-date styles consisting of gun metal, tan, patent colt, suede and cloth tops. Sizes 3 to 4 1/2, narrow last.

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CAUGHT ON THE FLY.

Ice is being harvested on the upper Rappahannock—the earliest for a number of years.

Kinsale Masons will have a banquet on 29th. Past Grand Master Eggleston and other notables will be present.

There is a movement on foot, headed by W. W. Moody, of lower Middlesex, to start a boat line from the Rappahannock to Norfolk.

Friends will be glad to know that H. Stafford Murphy has recovered from an indisposition. Mrs. Murphy has recently been at the bedside of her father, Rev. Albert Walker, in Baltimore.

John R. Campbell was in Stafford county the latter part of November in the interest of the Northern Neck Mutual Fire Insurance Association, and while there organized a camp of the P. O. of A. (Lodge) under the name of the Westmoreland Inquirer.

Miss Carrie Evans, milliner at White Stone, spent from Friday to Sunday with her sister, Mrs. R. F. Hilliard.

Miss Ethel May Hurley, who is teaching school in Lancaster county, spent from Friday to Sunday with her parents in town—Southside Sentinel.

My neighbor, Mr. T. M. Arnest, has in the person of his youngest daughter, not yet in her teens, a girl of boyish taste and ambition. She is at home in the management of two-horse wagons, rakes, etc., and is expert with rifle and gun. Seeing a squirrel scampering over the leaves on a recent hunt she fired at it, thereby starting a flock of partridges. When she picked up the squirrel she found lying near it two partridges which her shot had killed. Where is the boy who has killed a squirrel and two partridges at the same shot?—G. W. B., in Free Lance.

THE PROFIT SHARING STORE.

We are now issuing sales slips, which are valuable to you. Save them, and after you have from \$25 to \$100 worth, call at our store and have them exchanged for handsome pieces of genuine cut glass. We cordially invite you to inspect our premiums.

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SOME FIRES.

Fire broke out Friday evening of last week in the house in which T. R. Telis and family live, Irvington, doing considerable damage to one end. The origin of the fire is attributed to rats and matches, as it was in the back of a closet and in the end of the house where there is no stove. But for the timely assistance of about 15 friends and neighbors the whole building would have been burned. Insurance in the home fire association.

LANCASTER COUNTY.

LANCASTER COURTHOUSE.

Mrs. Clarence Dunaway, of Richmond, is at her parental home here to remain until after the holidays.

Lancaster gladly welcomes as a new resident Mrs. Elizabeth Pinekard, who will reside during the winter with her daughter, Mrs. Phil. Greenham.

Owing to a case of diphtheria here, the school closed on Monday last until January. Little Helen Combs is the victim of the disease. Mrs. Pierce and Oldham are in attendance.

FISHERMAN.

Mrs. Virgie Jones and Mr. Barrack visited Mrs. John McCarty Sunday.

Capt. Albin George and two sons, Romie and Johnnie, went to Reedville on last Monday to purchase a new engine for the former's boat.

The roads from Fisherman to Westland are almost impassable. We would be glad if the overseer would come and look after them.

The public is invited to attend a Christmas entertainment at Little Bay Lodge, No. 177, L. O. O. F., on Thursday evening, December 22nd, 1910. Proceeds to help buy a library for Fisherman Graded School.

SNOWFLAKE.

WEEMS.

Mr. and Mrs. Meredith Bonner, of Urbana, were here Saturday, on the way to Kilmarnock where they were summoned by the death of the former's father.

S. B. Haydon entertained his Sunday school class on last Thursday afternoon. Quite a number of ladies were present. Refreshments, consisting of ice cream, lemonade and cake, were served. They were also entertained with music and singing. The class extends thanks to Mr. Haydon for a very pleasant evening.

I dislike very much to have to correct the "CITIZEN," but some one at that office made a mistake last week. Mrs. Fingles, of Baltimore, who was here recently, and who was also the guest of her sister, Mrs. Nonie Gunther, near Kilmarnock, was the daughter of late Lemuel B. Ashburn, and not of Jas. Cook, as stated last week. L.

MYERS CREEK.

We are very sorry to hear of the continued illness of Mrs. Sadie Saunders. Willie Oliver and wife, of Bertland, visited the former's sister, Miss Birdie Oliver, Sunday.

Miss Sallie Belfield was recent guest of Miss Essie Stevens.

Miss Mamie Clark, who spent the past week at the home of H. H. Dodson, has returned home.

Those who attended the drama at Bertland from this place last Friday night greatly enjoyed the entertainment.

T. W. Wilcox and wife visited D. A. Saunders Sunday. Willard Belfield, Hampton and Randolph Dodson and Joe Belfield have also been seen here recently.

Our Young People's Union will meet next Sunday night at Courtroom church, C. E. Saunders leader.

OCCASIONAL.

OTTOMAN.

Mrs. Geo. Sanford, accompanied by her son, George, and daughter, Grace, are visiting Mrs. Bruce Cottingham.

Miss Nannie Dunaway left by Saturday's steamer for Norfolk, where she expects to undergo treatment for her head.

Miss Ruth Richardson returned to her home Monday.

The High School was closed Wednesday, December 7th, by order of the school board, until the first Monday in January, 1911. We wish to state that the school was not closed on account of diphtheria, but by order of the school board, owing to a controversy that has arisen between the said board and the principal and patrons.

C. L. Shackelford has tendered his resignation as member of White Chapel district school board.

The diphtheria in this vicinity is under thorough control. In fact, we have had only one case near Ottoman.

The trouble has been around Senora, three miles below here, and Dr. Steuart reports no new cases in the past two weeks.

NOTICE.

The Ladies Aid Society of Sharps, Va., are making preparations to serve a big supper, in connection with the Christmas celebration, which will be held on Friday night, December 30th. The entertainment will be held in the New Hall recently built by the Mildred Stock Co. Inc. Said hall will be comfortably heated and lighted. The Cantata will surpass any thing of the kind ever rendered in the Northern Neck. THERE WILL BE NO ADMISSION CHARGES. Those who fail to attend will miss a rare treat. Come and spend a pleasant evening. Supper 50 cents. Confectionaries for sale. Remember the date, Friday, December 30th. Doors open at 5:30 p. m.

SOME COMMEND; SOME KICK.

While our home fire association is doing a great work, saving many thousands of dollars annually to the pockets of the insured, which heretofore went to pay great salaries to old insurance officers, it is natural that in six thousand and people we will find some kickers and discontents. The number of pleased ones, however, predominate, and many such as the following come from our friends. The writer of this letter is insured in our X Class, Hazardous.

NORTHERN NECK MUTUAL FIRE ASSOCIATION, Irvington, Va.

GENTLEMEN—I enclose you my check for \$6.00 for assessment, which I received today, and which will be due by December 15, 1910. As I am so well pleased with your Association, I take pleasure in sending you my check at once. Wishing you abundant success, I remain, Yours very truly,

C. L. ALLEN.

Balty, Caroline Co., Va.

RELIGIOUS.

Stewards held District meeting at Urbana last week.

Adjourned Quarterly meeting was held Monday at Heathsville.

Rev. S. P. DeVault, Richmond county, has resigned as pastor of Farnham and Jerusalem Baptist churches, in that county, and has accepted a position as State evangelist for the State of Indiana. He will take up his duties the first of the coming year.

RICHMOND COUNTY.

DOWNINGS.

BAD WEATHER CAUGHT SOME NAPPING. MANY FARM AND PERSONAL NOTES.

The year is coming to a close and much farm work which should have been done this year will have to be carried over for another year. Winter weather came on early and unexpectedly, and caught many wood piles as empty as the mid-summer. Then hog killing was necessary, and that took time. But we ought to thank the Lord that He has spared us another year, and with the approaching 1911 turn over a new leaf, and strive to be more useful as we grow older.

Mrs. T. R. Bevis, who went to a hospital in Washington for treatment some few months ago, has returned, a little improved, but is quite feeble yet. We hope she may soon be as usual.

W. G. Harrison, who travels extensively through the United States, visited his parental home the first of this month. Mr. Harrison is a good business man.

The merchants are busy selling Xmas goods, keeping open until late at night.

G. H. Smith has a large barge in the creek, loading lumber.

A few wild turkeys were seen here the last snow by some of the hunters, but were soon chased off to other places.

Our roads are badly in need of work, as there are some very bad holes at places. But at this season of the year very little work can be done on them.

We have a heavy road tax to pay and it looks like our roads ought to be kept in traveling condition.

Mrs. J. O. Barrack is improving, after some weeks of typhoid fever.

Lovell Luttrell is up and walking about the place.

H. M. Hutt was in Westmoreland last week on business.

Some fine pork has been cured here the past two weeks, and handled up nicely. Pork handled in such a way looks better, eats better and keeps better. Shoats are high in this community and hard to get at this price. It's wise for every farmer to keep one brood sow to raise from and not let the stock run down. Pay more attention to your hogs, nothing better than a plenty meat and lard.

W. F. Lushy, while operating the mill of C. J. Bryant last week, had two of his fingers badly cut. Dr. Middleton, Pierce and Locket dressed the wound. He is getting along well with his wound. Mr. Lushy now has only three fingers and a thumb. About five years ago he had four of the fingers on his right hand sawed off.

Oysters have advanced in price, but they are yet the cheapest food to be gotten. Our people like them so well that they can't do without them.

Eggs are 34 cents per dozen here and a great help to the housekeepers in buying provisions.

J. J. Whittaker has returned to his home at Lancaster Courthouse, after working here several weeks.

Several from here attended Heathsville court last Monday, that being the last court of the year within their reach.

The community is grieved over the thoughts of R. S. P. DeVault leaving the first of January. He is going West. Mr. DeVault has done a good work in this section and will be remembered in years to come. His wife is a jewel. Mr. DeVault will preach his farewell sermon at Farnham Baptist church Sunday week, Christmas day. I will promise the readers of this paper to continue next year.

REPORTER.

SOME WEDD. NGS.

Marriage license was issued in Baltimore Tuesday to Henry Gwynne Taylor, of Warsaw, and Miss Grace Lemmon, of Richmond.

Miss Lora R. Moxing, of Farnham, Richmond county, was married last week in Baltimore to Mr. James A. Shepherd.

William C. Clark, of Lively, and Miss Christine C. Barrack, of Alfonso, were granted license to marry in Baltimore last week.

Jack Dyke, of Norfolk, son of Wm. Dyke, of Irvington, and Miss Mary Lee Daniels, also of Norfolk, were married in that city last week.

Miss Annie Hayden and Mr. Carey Hinson, of Richmond county, were married at Oakland M. E. church on Wednesday evening. Rev. Starke Jett officiated.

Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Haynie have announced the approaching marriage of their daughter, Miss Sadie Blanche, to Mr. Benjamin Franklin Slater, both of upper Lancaster, to take place December 21, 1910.

Miss Ruby Brent, youngest daughter of Thos. S. Brent, of Kilmarnock, and Ernest Russell, of Capt. of L. M. Russell, of Northumberland, were wed Wednesday at the home of the bride's father, Rev. F. W. Claybrook, performing the ceremony.

A quiet but interesting nuptial event took place at Merry Point, Va., on December 8, when Miss Charlotte J. Lowrey, daughter of S. O. Lowrey, lately of Nebraska, became the bride of Ryland H. Forester. They will be "at home," Merry Point, after Christmas.

Invitations have been issued to the marriage of Miss Sara Louise Carey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Jett Carey, of Hague, Westmoreland county, to Mr. Edward Moody Pennington, of the same county. The ceremony will take place at Copie chapel, Hague, Va., Thursday morning, December 15.

Capt. Peter George, widower, of Irvington, and Miss Mary Peterson were united in wedlock Wednesday afternoon by Rev. F. W. Claybrook. Ceremony at home of the bride's father, Matthew Peterson, Blue Point, Northumberland county. Neighbors serenaded the couple that night at their Irvington home.

NOTICE THESE.

Boat Greyhound to be sold at auction. Pure Buff Orpington roosters for sale.

W. H. Booth, Browns Store, has horse for sale.

Real estate, stock, timber, mill, etc., of Lewis-Lankford-Tall Co., Inc., to be sold at public auction December 28th, 1910. See ad.

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Dr. William Steptoe Christian, 80 years old, died Saturday in his home, "Malvern Hill," Middlesex county, and his funeral took place Monday afternoon in the cemetery at "Hewick." Urbana Lodge of Masons assisted in the services. He was twice married. The wife of his youth was Miss Helen Steptoe, of North Carolina. His second marriage was to Miss Alice Woodard, of Middlesex county, who survives. He is a son of Dr. C. C. Christian, and one daughter, Mrs. R. S. Bristol. Dr. Christian graduated at the Jefferson Medical College in 1851. He is supposed the cause of the Southland and organized the Middlesex cavalry, of which he was elected captain, and was mustered into service in 1861 as company C, Fifty-fifth Virginia volunteers. He was promoted to major, and later to colonel. He was wounded twice and suffered as a prisoner of war at John's Island. After the war he practiced his profession in North Carolina, and later moved to his native State and county, where he served his people as a faithful physician. He was for years county superintendent of schools, marine physician, and county chairman of the Democratic party, of which he was an ardent supporter. He was an orator of no mean ability.

Banks On Sure Thing Now.

"I'll never be without Dr. King's New Life Pills," writes A. Schneck, 641 Elm St., Buffalo, N. Y. "They cured me of indigestion, when all others failed." Unequal for Biliousness, Jaundice, Indigestion, Headache, Chills, Malaria and Debility. 25c at all druggists.

IN MEMORIAM.

SEYMOUR—In memory of my dear mother, Jane T. Seymour, who departed this life 18th of December, 1894, 16 years ago.

My mother is sleeping.

How sweet the rest.

That now is her's beyond the wave.

Beyond the storm that will rage.

She sweetly sleeps and she is blest.

How sweet to steal away from strife.

And sleep on nature's breast.

To leave a weary troubled life.

And go to endless rest.

Dear mother, in thy home above,

I could not wish you here.

For you are safely sheltered home.

Secure from every fear.

Alone unto our Father's will.

One thought has reconciled.

That He whose love exceedeth ours

Has taken home His child.

Fold her, O Father, in thine arms

And let her henceforth be

A messenger of love.

Between our human hearts and Thee.

By her loving daughter,

ANNIE.

Died Thursday, November 24, 1910, little Ruby Harkness, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Harper, of Ottoman, aged one year and eleven months.

Yes, our darling babe has left us.

Gone to return no more.

But her sweet smiles and loving ways

Will still live in our memory.

Yes, she has gone but never to be forgotten.

But we know that God had need

Of another little angel in His Kingdom.

And called her to Him.

Our loss is Heaven's gain.

We must say "Thy will be done."

Sweet little darling, light of our home,

Looking for Papa, beckoning, come,

Bright as a sunbeam, pure as the dew,

Anxiously looking, Mother, Mother, for you.

Written by Mama and Papa.

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